F-INSAS project of army

†1979. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four years old Future Infantry Soldiers as a system (F-INSAS) project to make Army's infantry like American Land Worriers has become a victim of dilatory tactics;

(b) if so, the position of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that now a formula is being explored to complete this project under public private partnership; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The Qualitative Requirements for Futuristic Infantry Soldier-As-A-System (F-INSAS) is being finalized together by the developer and army, identifying critical technologies requirements. Out of five major technologies for the futuristic soldiers, the following two have been projectised in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

(i) Design and development of Multi-Calibre Individual Weapon System.

(ii) Design and development of Air Bursting Grenade for Individual Weapon.

Integrated Management System with Public-Private-Partnership is contemplated in order to produce cost-effective system in large quantity.

Need to revamp defence acquisition system

1980. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 2000-2001 India has not been fully spending its Defence budget;

(b) if so, is it attributable to the existing Defence acquisition system;

(c) does this system needs revamping; and

(d) whether any expert opinion has been sought for improving this acquisition system so that our defence inventory of all the three arms of services is kept fully updated to safeguard the national frontiers especially when belligerent forces are surrounding from all sides?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. It is correct that the funds allocated in the Budget Estimates could not be fully spent over the years. However, with reference to the Revised Estimates, the utilization has been to the extent of approximately 99% of the Revised Estimates, except for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, when the utilization was 91.11% and 95.20% respectively.

(b) Utilization of Defence Budget under Capital Acquisition is made against the committed liabilities due for the year and new schemes proposed to be processed in that year as approved

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